

# Valerie's

## 2012 Spelling Bee Supplement\*

\*<SUH.pluh.muht> n, v something added to make up for a deficiency

### Contents: 2,586 words

- **Scripps' words selected for class and school bees (450)**
- **Added Hexco words selected for class and school bees (628)**
- **Scripps' Spell It words (1156)**
- **Words from Rules Associated with Spell It list (147)**
- **Words You Need to Know from Scripps' website (213)**

All words are presented in a difficulty sequence that takes length of word into consideration. Each word includes a simple, phonetic pronunciation, part(s) of speech, definition(s) and a simple designation for the general language of origin using the following abbreviations: Latin (L), Arabic (Ar), Asian languages (As), French (Fr), German (Ge), Slavic languages (Sl), Dutch (Du), English (E), New World languages (NW), Japanese (J), Greek (Gk), Italian (It), Spanish (Sp), Welsh (W), Eponyms (Ep), unknown (Un), and imitative (Im).

### For Class Bees:

- Study grouping in Scripps' Graded list that includes your grade.
- Study the next higher groupings to the end of the Scripps' Graded list.
- Study Hexco's Graded list for grouping that includes your grade.

### For School Bees:

- Learn all words in Scripps' Graded list starting at the beginning.
- Learn all words in Hexco's Graded list starting at the beginning.

### For District/County Bees

- Review everything you learned for School Bees.
- Study all words in Spell It list.
- Study all Words You Need to Know from [www.myspellit.com](http://www.myspellit.com)
- Study all words collected from Rules in Spell It.

### For Final Bees that Send a Speller to Washington

- Review everything you learned for District/County Bees.
- Study other words as most bees go off-list to declare champion as *Verbomania*, *New Nat's Notes*, *Valerie's Supplements for 2006 and 1999* or the Mentor or Flips versions of these.

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*Valerie participated in the 1987 National Spelling Bee*

NOW IN OUR 29<sup>th</sup> YEAR, we have produced study materials for spellers at all levels of The National Spelling Bee, from the newest novice to the most experienced competitor. My two sisters and I have been spellers like you and have all spelled at The National Bee.

Our products grew from the 1982 study notes that I compiled (with my parents' help). The variety of products and knowledge of your needs have expanded along the way.

This year **over half** of all the participating spellers at the National Bee had used one or more of our products to attain those reaches, all **five of the final 5** contenders spelling on ESPN had used some of our advanced study products. Sukanya Roy, the 2012 National Spelling Bee Champion was the 12<sup>th</sup> champion in a row who had used Hexco products.

I earned my MBA in 2001, from the University of Texas Red McCombs School of Business, married in 2003, and am living and working in Houston. My newest production is son Taylor, and my daughter Claire is now 3 years old. Natalie graduated from Baylor Medical School in Houston, finished her residency in pediatrics at Baylor, is a pediatrician at a clinic in Austin, and also married with a daughter, Cora, who is one. Huntley earned her MBA from Harvard Business School in 2006 and is now working in Austin for MindBites.

We all still participate in many ways in Hexco Academic, and we appreciate your continued support. We wish you good spelling and good luck, with the latter often the determining factor!

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## Hexco's Graded List Words for Grades 4 thru 6

### Words for Grades 4 thru 6 - SET 13

Zulu (z)	AF	*<ZOO.loo> n	person or people of South Africa living mainly in Natal
spry	SI	*<SPRII> n	chipper, nimble, brisk
woozy	E	*<WOO.zee> adj	dizzy and weak
snipe	E	*<SNIIP> n, v	game bird; shoot at someone from a concealed location
owlet	E	<OW.lit> n	young, nocturnal bird of prey
wonky	E	*<WAHN.kee> adj	shaky, unsteady; awry; pertaining to a nerd
impish	E	<IM.pish> adj	mischievous, elflike
cohort	Fr	<KOH.hawrt> n	colleague, companion; group, band
cherub	Ar	<CHEHR.uhb> n	biblical figure with human head, large wings and animal body
hubbub	We	<HUH.buhb> n	noisy confusion
solemn	E	<SAHL.uhm> adj, adv	sober, staid, suggesting formality
pilfer	E	<PIL.fuhr> v, n	steal, usually in small amounts
snippet	Du	*<SNIP.it> n	small part or piece, especially of written work
dungeon	Fr	<DUHN.juhn> n, v	underground prison
deceive	L	<di.SEEV> v	mislead, defraud
saunter	E	<SAWNT.uhr> v, n	stroll; walk leisurely
pabulum	L	*<PAB.yuh.luhm> n	substance taken in by an organism for energy
plumber	E	<PLUHM.uhr> n	one who installs and maintains water pipes and the fixtures attached
referee	L	<ref.uh.REE> n, v	person having authority in a sports contest; act as a judge
verbose	L	*<vuhr.BOHS> adj	wordy
verbatim	L	*<vuhr.BAYD.im> adv, adj, n	word for word
migraine	Fr	<MII.grayn> n	severe headache occurring periodically
sociable	Fr	<SOH.shuh.buhl> adj, n	naturally inclined to seek and enjoy the companionship of others
beautify	Fr	<BYOOD.i.fii> v	render more visually attractive
encroach	E	<en.KROHCH> v, n	advance upon the rights of others, trespass
ridicule	L	<RID.i.kyool> v, n	make fun of, mock; state of being laughable
collapse	L	<kuh.LAPS> v, n	abruptly fall together into a flattened mass
hebetude	L	<HEB.uh.tood> n	lethargy, dullness
skullcap	E	*<SKUHL.kap> n	small, cloth hat with no brim that fits close to the head
stampede	Sp	<stam.PEED> n, v	wild flight of frightened animals
specimen	L	<SPES.uh.min> n	particular item that is characteristic of others in the same class
luncheon	E	<LUHN.chuhn> n, v	formal meal usually eaten at midday
tentacle	L	<TENT.i.kuhl> n	long flexible fleshy arm or threadlike extension
ancestor	L	<AN.ses.tuhr> n, v	person from whom one is descended
projector	L	<pruh.JEK.tuhr> n	that which casts forth light, image or sound
bailiwick	E	<BAY.li.wik> n	jurisdiction, area or field of authority
calculate	L	<KAL.kyuh.layt> v	compute mathematically
tumblebug	E	*<TUHM.buhl.buhg> n	beetle that lays its eggs in a ball of dung under the ground
eradicate	L	<i.RAD.uh.kayt> v	eliminate, exterminate, pull up by the roots
squeamish	E	<SKWEE.mish> adj	easily affected with nausea
nidicolous	L	<nii.DIK.uh.luhs> adj	state of not leaving a nest after hatching until capable of flight
insatiable	L	<in.SAY.shuh.buhl> adj	incapable of being filled
inevitable	L	<in.EV.uhd.uh.buhl> adj	certain or sure to happen
legitimate	L	<li.JID.uh.mit> adj, v, n	reasonable; genuine, acceptable under law
northabout	E	*<NAWRTH.uh.bowt> adv, adj	in the direction opposite of south
zigzagery	Ge	*<ZIG.zag.uhr.ee> n	route having sharp turns or angles
irrelevant	L	<ir.REL.uh.vuhnt> adj	not applicable
tearjerker	E	*<TIR.juhrk.uhr> n	cloyingly pathetic story or performance
illuminate	L	<i.LOOM.uh.nayt> v, n, adj	supply with a source of light; clarify
preference	L	<PREF.uhrns> n	something that is selected over something else, favorite

## Spell It! Intermediate Words

### Intermediate Level Spell It! Words - SET 9

fuselage	Fr	<FYOO.suh.lahzh> n	body part of an airplane
adjacent	L	<uh.JAYS.uhnt> adj	sharing a common boundary, close to, bordering, adjoining
strategy	Gk	<STRAD.uh.jee> n	cleverly plotted plan or method
hydrology	Gk	<hii.DRAHL.uh.jee> n	study of water with respect to evaporation and precipitation
symbiosis	Gk	<sim.bii.OH.sis> n	union of two dissimilar organisms in a beneficial relationship
provolone	It	<proh.vuh.LOH.nee> n	cheese of stringy texture cured in a net
periphery	Gk	<puh.RIF.ree> n	outer parts or outskirts surrounding a space or area
alligator (A)	Sp	<AL.i.gay.duhr> n, adj, v	large, swamp-inhabiting reptile with a broad head and long tail
influenza	It	<in.floo.EN.zuh> n	contagious viral infection of undetermined causes
schnauzer (S)	Ge	<SHNOWT.zuhr> n	terrier with long head, small ears and a heavy wiry coat; dog breed
vigilante	Sp	<vij.uh.LANT.tee> n	one who takes the law into his or her own hands to avenge a crime
incognito	It	<in.kahg.NEED.oh> adv, adj, n	in a way in which one's identity is concealed
exuberant	L	<ig.ZOO.buh.ruhnt> adj	extremely enthusiastic
bellicose	L	<BEL.i.kohs> adj	eager to quarrel or fight, combative, aggressive, quarrelsome
thesaurus	Gk	<thi.SAWR.uhs> n	book of words and their synonyms
albatross	Ar	<AL.buh.traws> n	encumbrance; large sea bird with a white tail
geoponics	Gk	<jee.uh.PAHN.iks> n	husbandry
argentine	L	<AHR.juhn.tiin> n, adj	any silvery fish; silvery; silver
artichoke	Ar	<AHRT.uh.chohk> n	vegetable
ergonomic	Gk	<uhr.guh.NAHM.ik> adj	relating to design of items with the user's characteristics in mind
spareribs	Ge	<SPEHR.ribz> n	cut of pork including a bone
desperado	Sp	<des.puh.RAHD.oh> n	western bandit, bold criminal
character	Gk	<KEHR.ik.tuhr> n, v, adj	distinctive qualities; inscribe; portraying an unusual personality
automaton	Gk	<aw.TAH.muh.tuhn> n	machine that works on its own; robot
croquette	Fr	<kroh.KET> n	small fried mass of meat or vegetables coated with bread crumbs and egg
hierarchy	Gk	<HII.uh.rahr.kee> n	group classified by economic or social standing; ones in authority
carnivore	L	<KAHR.nuh.vohr> n	meat-eating animal
ventilate	L	<VENT.uhl.ayt> v	open to allow air movement; utter or make public
plausible	L	<PLAW.zuh.buhl> adj, n	being worthy of approval or belief
threshold	E	<THRESH.ohld> n, adj	stone, planks or metal under a door
animosity	L	<an.uh.MAHS.uh.dee> n	enmity, intense antagonism, extreme unfriendliness
eiderdown	Ge	<IID.uhr.down> n	soft, fluffy feathers of a duck; quilt filled with such feathers
antipasto	It	<an.tee.PAS.toh> n	Italian hors d'oeuvre platter serving a variety of snacks
castanets	Sp	<kas.tuh.NETZ> n	rhythm instruments of two small shells clicked together by fingers
dachshund	Ge	<DAHKS.hunt> n	small dog with a long body and very short legs
spaghetti	It	<spuh.GED.tee> n	pasta made in long thin strings
pistachio	It	<puh.STASH.tee.oh> n	sweet tasting nut with a greenish-yellow color
herbivore	L	<UHR.buh.vohr> n	animal that eats only plants
matriarch	Gk	<MAY.tree.ahrk> n	woman who rules or dominates her tribe or family
consensus	L	<kuhn.SEN.suhs> n	agreement, unison, accord
neologism	Fr	<nee.AHL.uh.jiz.uhm> n	new word, use of a word, expression
notochord	Gk	<NOH.tuh.kawrd> n	flexible series of cells that support the bodies of lower animals
ambulance	Fr	<AM.byuh.luhns> n	auto equipped to transport sick or injured people or animals
ingenious	L	<in.JEEN.yuhs> adj	marked by special mental ability, aptitude or originality
hurricane	NW	<HUHR.i.kayn> n	tropical storm
macadamia (M)	Ep	<mak.uh.DAY.mee.uh> n	evergreen tree that is grown for its edible nuts
xylophone	Gk	<ZII.luh.fohn> n	musical instrument made of bars that are struck with a hammer
precipice	L	<PRES.uh.pis> n	steep cliff that drops almost straight down
hydraulic	Gk	<hii.DRAW.lik> adj, n, v	moved or operated by liquid, relating to liquid in motion
bratwurst	Ge	<BRAT.wurst> n	sausage that is made without a casing and served fried or broiled

## Words You Need to Know

*Often misspelled words you need to know - SET 17*

its	E	<ITS>	n, adj	belonging to a thing
does	E	<DUHZ>	v	acts
said	E	<SED>	v	spoken
sure	L	<SHUR>	adj, n, adv	positive; stable, steadfast
forty	L	<FAWRD.ee>	adj, pron, n	relating to one more in number than thirty-nine
truly	E	<TROO.lee>	adv, n	in actual fact; sincerely
again	E	<uh.GEN>	adv, prep, conj	occurring one more time, another instance
allot	L	<uh.LAHT>	v	apportion; administer; mete
across	L	<uh.KRAWS>	prep, adv, adj	from one place over to another; on an opposing or opposite side
minute	L	<mii.NOOT>	adj, n, v	very tiny in size; unit of time equal to sixty seconds
balloon	It	<buh.LOON>	n, v, adj	inflated toy
address	L	<uh.DRES>	v, n	speak directly to; set in order; place of residence
half	E	<HAF>	n, adj, adv	one of two equally divided parts
ready	E	<RED.ee>	adj, adv, v, n	prepared, equipped with what is needed; money on hand
often	E	<AWF.uhn>	adv, adj	many times, frequently
laugh	E	<LAF>	n, v	audible expression of joy
whose	E	<HOOZ>	pron, adj	what person something belongs; associated with what person
answer	E	<AN.suhr>	n, v	spoken or written reply to a question; respond
exceed	L	<ik.SEED>	v	surpass
receipt	L	<ri.SEET>	n, v	written proof of goods delivered; to provide such; storage place; recipe
trouble	L	<TRUHB.uhl>	n, v	disturbance, annoyance; cause to worry
grammar	Gk	<GRAM.uhr>	n	system of rules governing the structure of language
possess	L	<puh.ZES>	v	hold; own
usually	E	<YOOZH.wuh.lee>	adv	more often than not, ordinarily
already	E	<awl.RED.ee>	adv	before a designated time
college	L	<KAHL.ij>	n	institute of higher learning, school, university
visible	L	<VIZ.uh.buhl>	adj, n	perceptible by eyesight
succeed	L	<suhk.SEED>	v	follow another in a position or role; inherit position or title; attain a goal
concede	L	<kuhn.SEED>	v	yield, accept as true
villain	L	<VIL.uhn>	n, adj	one having a criminal nature; character who harms others
sheriff	E	<SHEHR.if>	n	chief law enforcement official in a county
separate	L	<SEP.uh.rayt>	v, n, adj	keep apart
misspell	E	<mis.SPEL>	n, v	name incorrectly the letters making up a word
familiar	L	<fuh.MIL.yuhr>	adj, n	well-acquainted through study or personal knowledge; relative
eligible	L	<EL.i.juh.buhl>	adj, n	qualified for
definite	L	<DEF.nit>	adj, n	exact
probably	L	<PRAHB.blee>	adv	seemingly true, no doubt
agreeable	L	<uh.GREE.uh.buhl>	adj, n	pleasing; willing to consent
embarrass	Fr	<im.BEHR.uhs>	v	place in doubt or make emotionally uncomfortable
secretary	L	<SEK.ruh.tehr.ee>	n	one employed to manage detail work for a superior
vegetable	L	<VEJ.tuh.buhl>	n, adj	edible plant usually eaten during a meal's main course
recommend	L	<rek.uh.MEND>	v	mention as being worthy to use, advise
different	L	<DIF.uhrnt>	adj, adv	totally unlike another; not the same
laboratory	L	<LAB.ruh.tohr.ee>	n, adj	place devoted to the study of science or experimentation
commitment	L	<kuh.MIT.muht>	n	obligation to carry out an action; consignment to an institution
occurrence	L	<uh.KUHR.uhns>	n	incident, happening
interesting	L	<IN.trist.ing>	adj, v	having the power to cause curiosity
independence	L	<in.di.PEN.duhns>	n	freedom; liberty
debt	L	<DET>	n	something owed
weird	E	<WIRD>	adj, n, v	strange; relating to the supernatural